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SUMMARY: IN AFTERMATH OF JULY 1 MARINE ARTILLERY EXERCISE AND
REPORTED INJURY OF ONE OKINAWA GOVERNOR TAIRA, REFORMIST
MAJORITY IN PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY AND SEVERAL MMUNICIPAL ASSEMBLIES
HAVE REQUESTED END TO MARINE LIVE FIRING EXERCISES ON OKINAWA. GOJ
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AUTHORITIES NOTE U.S. RIGHT TO CONDUCT EXERCISES AND EMPHASIZE NEED

TO DETERMINE CIRCUMSTANCES OF JULY 1 INJURY. RADICAL STUDENTS AND ANTI-BASE ELEMENTS AGITATE TO BLOCK RESUMPTION OF MARINE EXERCISES. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FIRST MEETING OF PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY SINCE JUNE 13 ELECTIONS, REFORMIST MAJORITY ON JULY 6 PASSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF ALL MARINE LIVE FIRING EXERCISE AREAS IN ORDER "TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE PREFECTUAL PEOPLE." RESOLUTION ASSERTS THAT GOJ AUTHORITIES AND MARINES WENT AHEAD WITH JULY EXERCISE IN "DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE" IGNORING INFORMATION THAT PEOPLE WERE

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IN VICINITY OF IMPACT AREA. RESOLUTION ALSO CLAIMS THAT LIVE FIRING EXERCISES DESTROY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, IMPEDE COMMUTING TO SCHOOL BY LOCAL SCHOOLCHILDREN AND CAUSE "ANXIETY" TO THE LOCAL INHABITANTS. REFORMISTS TRIED FOR FOUR DAYS TO GET LDP TO JOIN IN UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION BUT FAILED. ACCORDING PRESS, LDP WAS WILLING TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION WHICH ASKED FOR HALT TO LIVE FIRING EXERCISES BUT LDP INSISTED ON INCLUDING REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO JULY 1 INJURY, IMPLYING THAT YOUTH SHOULD BE PROSECUTED UNDER SPECIAL CRIMINAL LAW IF HE WERE FOUND TO HAVE ENTERED THE EXERCISE AREA. LDP ALSO REFUSED TO CONCEDE THAT EXERCISE CAUSES INCONVENIENCE TO LOCAL INHABITANTS, NOTING THAT LANDOWNERS AND CITIZENS OF NEARBY KIN VILLAGE HAD NOT OBJECTED TO EXERCISE.

2. CITY ASSEMBLIES OF NAHA AND OKINAWA CITY HAVE PASSED UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION ALSO REQUESTING END TO LIVE FIRING EXERCISES, AS HAD ASSEMBLY OF ONNA VILLAGE IN WHICH IS LOCATED KISENBARU, INHABITED AREA CLOSEST TO EXERCISE AREA.

3. PRESS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED JULY 2 VISIT OF GOVERNOR TAIRA TO OAC MARINE BG OWENS TO REQUEST END TO EXERCISES. ACCORDING PRESS, TAIRA WILL PRESENT SAME REQUEST TO FONMIN, DEFENSE DIRGEN, AND

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OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WHEN HE GOES TO TOKYO ON JULY 7 TO PAY HIS FIRST COURTESY CALLS AS GOVERNOR.

4. LOCAL PRESS WHICH IS CLEARLY OPPOSED TO MARINE EXERCISES (AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENCE OF U.S. BASES IN GENERAL), REPORTS THAT OKINAWAN DIETMEN UEHARA OF ASP AND SENAGA OF JCP WILL BRING UP QUESTION OF MARINE EXERCISES AND JULY 1 INJURY LATER THIS WEEK WHEN DIET LOWER HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OKINAWA MEETS.

5. MEANWHILE, KAKUMARU RADICAL STUDENTS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR INCIDENTS ON JULY 3 IN WHICH TWO FIREBOMBS WERE THROWN AT OUTSIDE OF NAHA DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION BUREAU (DFAB) BUILDING AND TIRES WERE SET ON FIRE AT DFAB AND AT MARINE HEADQUARTERS IN

ZUKERAN.

6. ON JULY 6 POLICE ADVISED THAT CHUUKAKU RADICAL STUDENTS MAY BE PLANNING ACTIVITIES ON JULY 7-8 AIMED AT CONGEN POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS AND GOJ OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OFFICE.

7. OSHIRO, YOUTH INJURED ON JULY 1, HAS LEFT CHUBU HOSPITAL AND GOJ AUTHORITIES DO NOT KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS. GENSUIKYO TOLD PRESS OSHIRO HAD GONE TO TOKYO FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OF HIS EYES. LAST X-RAY TAKEN BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE SHOWED FOREIGN BODIES IN TWO LOCATIONS, NOT FOUR AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: IN RIGHT FOREARM FROM

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WHICH SEVERAL SMALL OBJECTS WERE REMOVED AND IN LEFT BUTTOCKS WHERE

FOREIGN BODY WAS TOO SMALL AND TOO DEEPLY EMBEDDED TO BE REMOVED.

8. OSHIRO AND OTHER POSSIBLE WITNESSES TO JULY 1 INJURY HAVE REFUSED TO TALK TO THE POKICE. POKICE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OF APPROXIMATELY 70 PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY INFILTRATED INTO EXERCISE AREA ON JULY 1.

9. POLICE ADVISE THAT OKINAWANS WHO DEMONSTRATED AT MARINE EXERCISE AREA ON JULY 1 TOTALLED APPROXIMATELY 500, ALL AFFILIATED WITH JSP-ASSOCIATED GENSUIKYO ANTI-A & H BOMB COUNCIL INCLUDING 15 YOUTH FROM NEARBY KISENBARU (BUT NONE FROM NEARBY KIN VILLAGE).

10. LOCAL MEDIA ARE CONTINUING TO GIVE MAJOR AND SYMPATHETIC PLAY TO ACTIVITIES PROTESTING MARINE FIRING EXERCISES, WHICH ARE BEING GENERATED LARGELY BY GENSUIKYO, JSP, JCP AND TO SOME EXTENT KOMEITO. GENSUIKYO IS CALLING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FOR RESIGNATIONS OF PREFECTURE POLICE CHIEF KATO AND NAHA DFAB HEAD.

11. REFORMISTS AND ANTI BASE ORGANIZATIONS ARE CLEARLY TRYING TO
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GENERATE A CLIMATE OF PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL PRESSURES
THAT WILL DISSUADE POLICE AUTHORITIES AND GOJ FROM PROVIDING
SUPPORT REQUIRED TO RESUME MARINE LIVE FIRING OVER HIGHWAY 104.
WHEN FIRING EXERCISE RESUMES, CONGEN EXPECTS GENSUIKYO TO REPEAT
ITS PERFORMANCE OF JULY 1, ENCOURAGING IF NOT ORGANIZING INFILTRATION
INTO IMPACT AREA AND CLAIMING FROM OUT SET THAT MARINES AND GOJ
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